## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 239

## By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Taylor Leach, 2013 Valedictorian of DeKalb County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Leach is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2013 graduating class at DeKalb County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Taylor has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Leach has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Leach has graciously dedicated his time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts, including serving as a member of the Beta Club, Health Occupations Students of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Running Club, and the tennis team; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Leach has accrued more than eighty hours of community service, assisting at shut-ins and at the Lighthouse Christian Camp, and serving as a volunteer at the DeKalb County Fair; and

WHEREAS, he is also active in the youth group at Upper Helton Baptist Church; and WHEREAS, Mr. Leach's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at Tennessee Tech University, which he plans to attend; and WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Brad and Peggy Leach, his sister, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Leach's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2013 DeKalb County High School Valedictorian, Taylor Leach, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.